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Joseph F. Bataillon
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Creighton 1971 BA, 1974 JD
Began Service: October 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender,
County of Douglas, Nebraska (1974-1980)

Legal Practice: Trial Attorney, Emil F. Sodoro P.C. (1980); Trial Attorney,
Sodoro, Johnson, Daly, Stave, Cavel & Coffey (1980-1981); Trial
Attorney, Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro (1981-1997)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of
the Army (1971-1986)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Judicial Division,
American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar
Association; Omaha Bar Association

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Richard G. Kopf
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Nebraska (Kearney) 1969 BA; Nebraska 1972 JD
Began Service: May 26, 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Donald R. Ross, United States Court
of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1972-1974)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of
Nebraska (1987-1992)

Legal Practice: Cook, Kopf & Doyle (1974-1987)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar
Foundation, American Bar Association; Nebraska Bar Foundation; Nebraska
State Bar Association

Staff

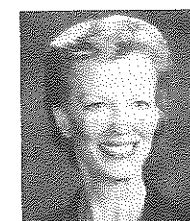
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Laurie Smith Camp
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953
Education: Stanford 1974 BA; Nebraska 1977 JD
Began Service: November 2, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Corporate: Associate General Counsel, First National Bank and Trust
Company (1977-1978)

Government: General Counsel, Department of Correctional Services, State
of Nebraska (1980-1991); Chief, Civil Rights Section, Department of
Justice, State of Nebraska (1991-1995); Chief Deputy Attorney General
for Criminal Matters, Department of Justice, State of Nebraska
(1995-2001)

Legal Practice: Associate, Turner & Boisseau (1978-1979); Solo
Practitioner (1980)

Current Memberships: Nebraska Bar Foundation; Nebraska State Bar
Association; Omaha Bar Association

Staff

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Warren K. Urbom
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925
Education: Wesleyan U 1950 AB; Michigan 1953 JD
Began Service: 1970
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Adjunct Instructor of Trial Advocacy, College of Law, University
of Nebraska-Lincoln (1979-1991); Adjunct Instructor of Trial Techniques,
Emory University (1994-1996)

Legal Practice: Associate, Baylor, Evnen, Baylor, Urbom & Curtiss

Military Service: United States Army (1944-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American College of
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Lyle E. Strom
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925
Education: Creighton 1950 AB, 1953 JD
Began Service: November 1, 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Creighton University

Legal Practice: Fitzgerald, Brown, Leahy, Strom, Schorr & Barmettler
(1953-1985)

Military Service: United States Merchant Marines (1943-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Foundation, American Bar
Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature
Society; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Nebraska State Bar
Association; Omaha Bar Association

Staff

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Began Service: 2008
Term Expires: 2010
Law Clerk **Jason Grams** (402) 661-7320
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David L. Piester
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Nebraska 1969 BS, 1972 JD
Began Service: January 20, 1981
Term Expires: January 2013

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,
Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice
(1979-1981)

Legal Practice: Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society (1972-1973); Legal
Services Corporation (1975-1977)

Nonprofit: Consultant, National Legal Aid & Defender Association
(1974-1976); Executive Director, Legal Aid of Nebraska (1973-1979)

Current Memberships: Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Lincoln
Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association

Staff

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Thomas D. Thalken
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Creighton 1964 BA, 1966 JD
Began Service: January 4, 1993
Term Expires: January 4, 2017

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,
Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice
(1971-1980); First Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,
Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice
(1981-1993)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1970)

Current Memberships: Nebraska State Bar Association; Omaha Bar
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Staff

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Education: Iowa State 1966 BS

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F. A. Gossett III
Magistrate Judge

Education: Creighton 1972 JD
Began Service: May 29, 2003
Term Expires: May 29, 2011

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Number of Judgeships: 2

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